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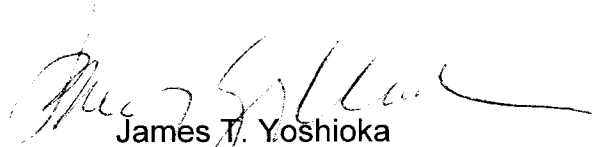
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Dear Dr. Werdegar:

The OSHPD data for AMI indicated that our hospital had an observed mortality rate higher than the expected rate. The findings of our investigation and analysis suggested that our patient information was undercoded. All of the 31 mortality patient records required re-coding to include additional risk factors. If we could extrapolate this finding of undercoding to the whole group of 189 cases, our expected outcome rate would be higher and our risk adjusted outcome would be lower.

Our organization appreciates the opportunity to formulate and submit a response.

Sincerely,



James T. Yoshioka
President

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